

marriage customs above all things should be inevitable, are jeopardizing not only their own property interests but also those of the community at large.

That women and young girls should be protected properly no one will deny; but is the Bill lately passed, by an official majority of our mockery of a Legislative Council, calculated to effect that much-to-be-desired end? I say no, certainly not. It should be termed the "Revolution Bill," for it is foisted by the official members, the puppets of the central government, upon this community there can be no doubt but that the result will be a social revolution which our local lawless and unscrupulous members cannot now estimate or fathom with any degree of accuracy. We shall have to thank the official members for any trouble that may arise.

In conclusion allow me to again draw attention to the fact that this obnoxious and despotic Bill was passed solely by the official members of the Council. Not one vote in favour of it was cast by the unofficial members. And in view of the fact that it is the unofficial members who represent the community, and who have real and permanent interests at stake in the colony's welfare, it seems to me that they would be quite justified in calling a public indignation meeting to protest against such an ill-considered Bill being foisted upon a colony which has too long tamely submitted to being brow-beaten and crushed under the iron and arrogant heel of Downing Street despotism.

Thanking you in anticipation for favouring this note with space in your next issue.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

A BRITON.

Hongkong, 3rd July, 1890.

BRITISH-NORTH BORNEO.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SANDAKAN, June 16th.
Mr. W. C. Cowie, of Muara coal-mine fame, is reported to be making endeavours to float a railway company in London to build a line from Sandakan to Kemenuk (on the mainland near Labuan). The scheme includes a large cession of land to the Railway company, and although it might be feasible later on, it is considered premature at this time. No survey of the line has yet been made.

The Borneo Hotel and stores Company, Ltd., a large number of shares in which are held in Hongkong, have declared a final dividend of \$2.10 per share for the year ending February 28th, 1890, making 12 per cent, for the year's working.

The season continues favourable for planting purposes and a number of estates have commenced active operations. On the East Borneo Company's estate a considerable number of tobacco plants are planted out, and a start has also been made on the Koyah, Lamag and some other estates.

There are rumours that some of the Hongkong Planting Companies working here are, consequent upon the financial depression in Hongkong, rather strained for funds. It would be a most serious matter after the thousands of dollars already spent on preparations for this year's crop if operations on the Estates were suspended forthwith. The necessary funds for the year's crop have not been forthcoming, and the planting of which has now been completed in about two months.

The China-Borneo Co's steamer *Sandakan*, which has been refitted by your local Dock Co., arrived here safely in charge of Capt. G. W. Sheppard. The vessel is considered very suitable for the coasting trade, and the way the work on her has been executed reflects credit on the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company.

The steamer *Melano* left here on the 14th inst. with a cargo of timber, chiefly destined for trans-shipment at Hongkong for Peking, for the purpose of rebuilding the Temple of Heaven, the wood for which the China-Borneo Co. have contracted to supply.

It is rumoured that Mr. C. V. Creagh, our present Governor, proceeds home at the end of this year, and it is not known whether he will return after a holiday or who his successor is to be.

A small punitive expedition under Messrs. Dunlop and Hastings has returned from the upper waters of the Labuk;—the head hunting tribes in this region at first showed signs of fighting, but after a loss of ten killed, surrendered and swore to behave themselves in future and pay poll-tax.

There has been some trouble between the tribes on the upper waters of the Kinabatangan, a month's journey from here, and an expedition is to start in a few days to quell the disturbance.—It is reported that some Government police have been killed by the natives there.

The Chartered Bank, following the example of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corporation, has started an agency here.

Your old friend Baron de Lissa is building a timber yard here. It is stated that he is intent upon developing a timber business with Australia. In which his friends the Prince of Wales and endless "dooks," etc., will no doubt take an interest.

NANKING.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

23rd June, 1890.
A most shocking murder was committed a few nights since in the northern part of the city, a quarter known as the Pehmen-kiao. A young man, a military *Shut-shai*, the son of a paper dealer, was awakened by thieves in the shop and, rushing in, caught one by the queue. The burglar drew a knife and threatened to kill him if he did not at once release him. But, though stabbed several times the brave young fellow held on and the murderer escaped only by the aid of a confederate who cut his queue off close to his head and so released him. There were three men implicated. All were masked and it was feared they would not be taken, but the authorities have been very active and have already arrested two, one of them being the murderer, who is very unnecessarily tortured by a chain made fast to his collar bone. A sad feature of the case is that the wife of the murdered man came running to the help of her husband and being within a few days of motherhood, swooned away and died from fright.

It may not be known to people outside of Nanking that we have here a royal order of beggars. Beggars and beggar kings there are, enough and to spare in all parts of China, but this peculiar order, it is said, was instituted by the founder of the Ming Dynasty, Hing Wu, who was once a beggar himself. After his accession to the throne, an old friend and companion of his early days came to see him. The Emperor offered him any office he might choose, but he declined office, saying he cared only to have plenty to eat and wear with nothing to do, whereupon his Majesty established this order with special privileges and made his late chum the chief. The beggars were allowed to live in certain caves that are constructed in the city wall just over the two water gates. It is commonly said that these caves or arches were built for this purpose, but it is more probable they were put in to relieve the pressure of the great wall upon the arch which spans the canal. Those at the West Water Gate are eleven in number, one

large one with five smaller ones on either side. The largest is some forty feet long and twenty feet wide, the smaller, of some length but not more than twelve feet wide; the arched ceiling in each case will measure some fifteen feet or more from the floor at the highest point. The present members of this ancient and honourable order live very comfortably in these quarters and are better dressed than most beggars, but they smoke a great deal of opium. Their chief is appointed by the police authorities of the district.—*N. C. Daily News.*

TIENTSIN.

21st June, 1890.

The level of the river continues to fall, but the depth of water increases, if anything, showing that the bed is scouring. The flood tide has been distinctly observed this week at Tientsin. The country is suffering from the long drought, and the soil has never been so dry. The spring crops are being gathered rather short; the autumn staples, maize and millet, are very backward, but they keep green, and it is not yet too late for the rain to freshen them into new life.

Victoria Park is proving a centre of great attraction this summer, especially in the evenings when the band plays, when a large concourse of people assemble to enjoy the fresh breezes which play among the bushes. The band has improved greatly under the excellent amateur supervision which it receives now. A new feature has recently been added to the entertainment on Wednesday evenings in the shape of vocal choruses, the sailors of the *Firebrand* alternating with our local amateurs.

The introduction of the gas light promises to be a source of great pleasure to the frequenters of the garden. On Wednesday this week a brilliant illumination was afforded by the new sun-light of 1000 candles power, which was exhibited for experiment by the Gas Company, and pronounced a great success.

The menagerie grows in number and interest, but the captives are at present much over-crowded and if their cages were distributed about the Garden instead of being confined to one corner more space would thereby be gained for the animals, while they were also rendered more accessible to visitors. This arrangement could be made ornamental to the Park, which needs something to give it greater variety.

There have been numerous fires lately in Tschu-lin and city, the acts of incendiaries. From what we hear, beggars fire houses, etc., or attempt to do so, that they may have an opportunity in the general confusion to steal. On the 16th instant a stack of wood standing in the back-yard and close to the house of the Municipal Interpreter was set on fire, and after the fire was extinguished a box of matches and some joss sticks were found among the embers.

On the same day there was a large fire on the north bank of the river opposite the Pao-shun Road, when about 50 houses were burnt down. A small fire also occurred on the 18th in a Chinese house near the French Consulate. Assistance was quickly rendered and very little damage was done.

Edward Dawson, driver, was charged by the China Railway Company, before Mr. Byron Brennan, H.M. Consul, with gross dereliction of duty when in charge of the 12.28 down train on the 12th June, whereby life and property were endangered, and sentenced to six months' imprisonment in Shanghai. There was no defence, the accused being unable to remember the occurrences of the day. It may be remembered that Dawson was the man who behaved so well on the occasion of the accident on the line in March, 1889, for it was to his energy and presence of mind under most trying circumstances that the loss of life then was minimized. No doubt this, and the general good character of the man, saved him from the more severe penalty to which his conduct rendered him liable.

Mr. F. Olsen, of Messrs. Fraxer & Co., Shanghai, agents of the Edison Telephone Company, is now in Tientsin with some of the instruments constructed by the Company with the latest improvements. On Friday Mr. Olsen had the privilege of exhibiting the phonograph to the Viceroy, to whom he presented one in the name of the distinguished inventor. The Viceroy was greatly pleased with the performance of the wonderful instrument. One or two private exhibitions have also been made, and a public one will be given in the early part of next week, when all the residents will have an opportunity of witnessing the operation of a machine of which we have all heard so much. The phonograph, after ten years or more of probation since it was first publicly exhibited in London, during which time it has undergone many modifications in detail, has now reached the stage of general utility, and in America, the home of invention, the phonograph is becoming as essential an adjunct of ordinary business life as the telephone, or the type-writer. Its uses in China may also become very important, and we understand it has already been pressed into the service of education as a supplement to the study of language from books with transliterated pronunciation.—*Chinese Times.*

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HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. Geo. Wallace & Co.'s Register.)

	To-day.
Barometer—9 a.m.	30.50
Barometer—5 p.m.	30.45
Barometer—9 a.m.	30.45
Thermometer—9 a.m.	84
Thermometer—5 p.m.	82
Thermometer—9 a.m.	81
Thermometer—5 p.m.	80
Thermometer—9 a.m.	80
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Thermometer—5 p.m.	7
Thermometer—9 a.m.	6
Thermometer—5 p.m.	5
Thermometer—9 a.m.	4
Thermometer—5 p.m.	3
Thermometer—9 a.m.	2
Thermometer—5 p.m.	1
Thermometer—9 a.m.	0
Thermometer—5 p.m.	-1
Thermometer—9 a.m.	-2
Thermometer—5 p.m.	-3
Thermometer—9 a.m.	-4
Thermometer—5 p.m.	-5
Thermometer—9 a.m.	-6
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Thermometer—9 a.m.	-28
Thermometer—5 p.m.	-29
Thermometer—9 a.m.	-30

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THIS EVENING.

"GRAND DUCHESS."

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Hongkong, 3rd July, 1890.

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Hongkong, 3rd July, 1890.

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ON and after TO-MORROW, the 4th inst., Mr. W. H. PERCIVAL with resume his duties as Agent of the Company at this Branch. By Order of the Court of Directors.

B. C. T. GRAY, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 3rd July, 1890.

NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP heretofore subsisting between EDWARD CONSTANT RAY and GEORGE HENDERSON WATT is this day dissolved by Mutual Consent.

E. C. RAY, GEO. H. WATT.

Hongkong, 3rd July, 1890.

WITH reference to the above the business of SHIP, SHARE, and GENERAL BROKER will be continued by me in my own name.

E. C. RAY.

Hongkong, 3rd July, 1890.

NOTICE.

I HAVE established myself in business in this Colony as SHIP, SHARE, and GENERAL BROKER on my own account from this date.

GEO. H. WATT.

Bank Buildings, Hongkong, 3rd July, 1890.

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"SUTLEJ"

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E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 3rd July, 1890.

DOUGLAS STEAM-SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW. THE Company's Steamship

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Captain S. Ashton, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 6th July, at DAYLIGHT.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, the 6th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 9th inst., at 4 P.M.

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd July, 1890.

Intimations.

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NOTICE is hereby given to the Holders of Shares in the above Company, on which the CALL of \$1 per Share due 3rd March, 1890, is still unpaid, that unless said Calls, with interest at the rate of Ten per centum per Annum from due date, be paid at the Company's Office, 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road, Hongkong, on or before the 8th day of July next, the said Shares will be dealt with by the Directors in accordance with terms of the Company's Articles of Association.

W. H. WALKER, Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th June, 1890.

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Hongkong, 8th April, 1888.

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Hongkong, 6th April, 1890.

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